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DYNAMITE THE PASSAIC BANK SAFE

Farmers' Bank of Passaic Visited by Safe Blowers Early Saturday Morning.

Saturday morning residents of Passaic were awakened by an explosion but not thinking much about it made no investigation and it was not until about 6:30 that it was found that the Farmers' Bank had been visited by safe blowers who had attempted to blow open the safe with a charge of dynamite.

The thieves gained entrance to the building through a rear window and from the indications placed two sticks of dynamite in the door of the safe, which, when it exploded, almost completely ruined the safe but failed to open it, and the work of the safe blowers went for nothing. The front windows of the bank were blown out and the desk of the cashier, Edson Snyder, which stood near the safe, was damaged somewhat. There was no clew that might lead to the apprehension of the would-be robbers.

Mr. Snyder, who lives a few hundred yards from the bank and who was one of those awakened by the explosion, thinks that the work was done by amateurs and probably home talent. A rusty drawing knife, brace and monkey wrench were found near the wrecked safe and are supposed to be the tools used to get into the building.

Picnic Dinner at Golf Club.

The Butler Golf Club gave another of its delightful informal picnics on the club lawn Friday evening, which was perhaps the social event of the summer season.

The dinner was served in cafeteria style in the shade of the enormous elm whose generous foliage overhangs number two fairway, and there is probably no more beautiful spot to be found in this part of the state, with the tree dotted brook to the left of the fairway, the island of picturesque rough to the right, and a wonderful carpet of bluegrass stretching between.

Early in the afternoon the golf and tennis enthusiasts had assembled at the grounds, and throughout the evening, until dinner call was relayed about the course, the fairways and the tennis courts were thronged with players and spectators.

Dinner was served at 6:30, and such a dinner it was. Fried chicken, country style, daintily seasoned cottage cheese, several kinds of salads, a variety of sandwiches, brick ice cream and cake and iced tea. Sel-dom has a more bountiful dinner been served in the history of Butler's social life.

After the dinner the affair resolved itself into a wonderful moonlight picnic, the most of the members lingering about on the bluegrass lawn until late in the evening.

The dinner was in charge of a committee of ladies appointed by president W. F. Duvall. The ladies composing the committee were: Mrs. W. W. Cannon, Mrs. R. D. Allen, Mrs. Wesley Denton, Mrs. Sam Armstrong, Mrs. D. C. Chastain, Mrs. F. B. Walton, Mrs. W. F. Duvall.

The Golf Club, which was organized a little more than two years ago, has made wonderful progress, and the beauty spot it now occupies, with the carefully mown bluegrass fairways, its sand-green and spacious tennis courts, bears but little resemblance to the rough bit of pasture land of only a few years ago.

At the dinner the matter of building a club house in keeping with the beautiful appearance of the grounds was brought up, and plans were formulated for its construction early in the spring.

James Williams, instructor at Missouri University.

Among the appointments as instructors at the University of Missouri for the coming school year is that of James E. Williams, son of Postmaster and Mrs. J. E. Williams, of this city, as instructor of geology. Mr. Williams graduated at the University with a degree of Bachelor of Science last year and will soon after become a qualified instructor of geology to that his present appointment is in the nature of a promotion. He is a native of Missouri and was born in Butler.

BATES COUNTY ROAD PETITION DENIED

Road Running East From Butler to Go to Appleton City.

The State Highway Commission Wednesday of last week handed down its final ruling on the locations of the state roads in the various counties.

The road east from Butler was originally located to run southeast to Appleton. Parties in Summit township and at Spruce submitted a petition asking that the route be changed so that it would run through the center of Summit, through Spruce and Montrose to Clinton. The petition was by the commission denied and the Appleton City route was left as the official state road. This road will in all probability share in the \$60,000,000 road fund voted at the last election, that is if the legislature and the road commission can ever make up their minds just what kind of roads to build.

A Quadruple Surprise Party.

The members of the Royal Neighbors lodge of this city Monday night held a surprise party for four of their members at the home of John Rook, on West Ft. Scott street. It was the original intention to give the party in honor of Mrs. Lete Sackett, of Kansas City, a former member now visiting relatives in this city, but the plan was enlarged to include Mrs. Ada Holloway, Mrs. Mabel Wilcox and Mrs. H. E. Mulkey. The Holloway family will in the near future move to Kansas City to make their future home and the Wilcox family are going to Springfield. These two ladies were given handsome solid silver spoons as remembrances from the sisters of the lodge which they have for so long been loyal and useful members. Mrs. Mulkey, whose home was so badly damaged by fire a short time ago, was given a miscellaneous "shower" to partially replace the articles lost at that time. She received many useful articles such as towels, sheets, pillow cases, dress patterns as well as a number of other things dear to the heart of the housewife.

The evening was passed with games, conversation and having a general good time. Delicate refreshments of sherbert and wafers were served during the evening.

Water in Ear Fatal to Kansan.

Topeka, July 19.—Water which entered the inner recesses of the ear while swimming several weeks ago at Milan, Mo., resulted in the death of Dennis Payne, a Topeka attorney. The body was brought home today from a Kansas City hospital. Physicians said the water caused infection which terminated in meningitis. An operation failed to help the patient. Mr. Payne was ill about two weeks. He was a son-in-law of Frank E. Grimes, ex-state treasurer.

MISSOURI RAILWAY RATE CUT FORECAST BY STATE INQUIRY

Service Commission Asks Report of Decreased Operating Expenses Present Tolls Restrict Traffic, Is Charge Made.

Jefferson City, July 19.—Reduction of intrastate passenger and freight rates on Missouri railroads September 1, 1921, is forecast in an order issued yesterday by the Missouri Public Service Commission directing all railroads to file statements showing decreases in operating expenses during the year.

The commission has taken the initiative in this matter and its action, according to the order, follows receipt of informal complaints that both passenger and freight rates are so high at present as to act as a deterrent to full use of facilities of the railroads.

The present rates, authorized by the commission, August 26, 1920, are effective until September 1, 1921.

The order of the commission yesterday indicates that it believed a revision downward should be made before the present schedules expire.

The order says that it appears to the commission that "changes have been made in the operation of said railroads resulting in material decreases in the cost of such operation."

Complaints have been made to the commission, the order states, "alleging that the present rates and charges on live stock and farm products tend to restrict the movement of such commodities."

It is also stated that complaints have been made "alleging that the present passenger fare (3.46 cents per mile) is economically too high, unreasonable within itself and prevents the full use of defendants' facilities."

The order directs that on or before August 5 the railroad companies shall file detailed statements showing the result of operations for the first five months of 1921 as compared with the same months last year and shall file a report showing an estimate of the savings in operating costs for July, 1921, based on reduction in wages and changes in working conditions.

Overtures to Germany.

Washington, July 19.—The administration has opened negotiations for the resumption of diplomatic relations with Germany, it was announced at the White House this afternoon.

At the direction of the administration, Ellis Loring Dresel, American commissioner in Berlin, has been carrying on informal discussions with the German foreign office looking towards formal negotiations for the resumption of peace time relations with the German nation, it was announced.

W. W. MAY BE DRIVEN FROM STATES BECAUSE OF OUTRAGES

Four Murders and Scores of Robberies in Nebraska and South Dakota.

Omaha, July 19.—I. W. W. have become a menace in Nebraska and South Dakota. Officials of both states are considering driving them from the country. Lack of employment has added to their ranks and the organization is growing by great leaps.

In the last few days four murders have been charged to the organization, trains have been commandeered, robberies committed by the score and numerous men, not members of the order, beaten and thrown from trains. Train crews dare not interfere with the gangs in which the I. W. W. travel and peace officers are helpless.

I. W. W. Members are causing a reign of terror among the harvest men not provided with the red card of the order.

F. D. Bingham of Lansing, Mich., a harvester, was found dead on top of a freight car at Franklin, Neb. He is believed to have been shot by I. W. W. because he was not a member.

Will Ellis of Kentucky was thrown from a train at Tekama, Neb., both legs being cut off. He said he had refused to join the I. W. W.

William Henderson, of Austin, Tex., was murdered Friday at Wolsey, S. D.

Monday more than 100 I. W. W. members came into Omaha on a Union Pacific freight train. They had intimidated the train crew. On a Burlington train 40 were found in a single boxcar. They came from the western part of the state.

At Murdock, Neb., Saturday, 35 I. W. W. members took possession of a freight train and forced all the harvesters, not members of their organization, to stand with hands up and robbed them. They ordered the train to proceed, but refused to permit the robbed men to get aboard.

City Council Proceedings.

A committee was instructed to repair the wooden bridge on Vine street.

A number of complaints have been received from the people in regard to bicycle riders using the sidewalks for streets. Several aged people stated that violators will not even stop for them to pass. The city ordinance it should be remembered distinctly prohibits riding on walks. Offenders will be dealt with properly in the future to prevent accidents.

An ordinance was passed setting the general fund tax levy at 30 cents, and the sinking fund levy at 25 cents.

If you want two-piece underwear, come in, Black & Sons.

CUTS THE PROPERTY TAX

House Passes Bill Reducing Levy From 10 to 7 Cents.

Jefferson City, July 19.—The house late today passed a bill reducing the state direct property tax rate from 10 to 7 cents. There was not a dissenting vote.

By this action the direct property tax will be about \$830,000 less this year under the full valuation program than it was last year. The bill with an emergency clause affects state taxes paid this year.

The governor had recommended a reduction of the state property rate to 8 cents.

The farm group in the house attempted to amend the bill fixing the rate at 6 cents but failed.

The house's action on the direct property rate finishes the tax reduction program sponsored by the governor. It is believed the senate will accede to the amendments made by the house.

The reduction of the state property rate followed a successful flight of Representative Lay of Crawford County to carry out the governor's program for reducing the state income, corporation franchise and inheritance taxes as well as the direct property tax.

Bates County Convention of Christian Churches.

The Christian churches of Bates County met in convention at the Virginia Church July 14 and 15 with the County President, Rev. Roy H. Biser of Butler, presiding. A number of the churches of the county were represented and a good program was rendered.

Rev. J. E. Wolfe, pastor of the First Christian Church of Independence, Mo., J. S. Bickel, Superintendent of Second District, and Mrs. Richard of Blackburn, Mo., were the principal speakers. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Rev. R. H. Biser.
Secretary, Grant Moudy, Adrian.
Treasurer, Lee Hardinger, Virginia.

President of Women's Work, Mrs. C. A. Campbell.

The convention next year will probably be held at Altona Church.

The Virginia church entertained the convention with splendid hospitality. At the noon hour Friday a big dinner was spread with more than enough for every one. A large crowd was present and all pronounced the convention a success in spite of the fact that the farmers were all so busy.

Fox, our local photographer, is "up-to-the-minute" when it comes to taking pictures. In his show case today is a picture of old Mr. Stork, who visited his home July 19, 1921 and left an 8 1-2 pound girl.

BUTLER 6; ROCKVILLE 0

Butler's New Pitcher Held the Boys From Rockville Safe at All Times in the Sunday Game.

The hard hitting ball team from Rockville proved to be no match for the Butler team in the game played here Sunday and were defeated by the top-heavy score of 6 to 0. "Skeets" Alexander, the best semi-professional in Kansas City, was in the box for Butler and kept the hits so well scattered that only one Rockville player reached third. Luscombe caught his usual good game and was there with the hickory, getting two hits out of four times up. Kershner, a new man on first base, seems to be a find, as he took care of everything at his corner in good shape and in the eighth inning secured the only home run of the game when he slammed one of Hyle's offerings over the hedge fence back of center field. At second Williams covered a world of ground and made several circus catches.

Baine, Rockville's star pitcher, lasted but four rounds when he was relieved by Hyle, who pitched fairly good ball, but his support was uncertain at times. The old veteran "Brigham" Young, of Appleton City, caught a good game and managed to reach first three times out of four times, up.

Butler started scoring in the second when Kershner and Hulse reached first on errors of the Rockville infield and were sacrificed on their way by Alexander.

They made two more in the third. Luscombe got a hit but was forced at second by Williams, who scored on Ellis' double to right. Ellis scoring on Rockville's errors.

In the eighth after Shroyer had struck out, Kershner put one over the center field fence for a home run. Hulse, who by the way is doing some good hitting this season, followed with a hit to right. Alexander struck out. Hulse went to second on Campbell's hit and scored on Hyde's error.

The Rockville boys are a good, clean bunch of players and there was no wrangling or disputing the umpires. They took their beating like the good sports they are and the Butler folks would like to see them back again later in the season.

Next Sunday the Ulrich team, which has been beating everything in its section of the country, will be the attraction and a fast game is assured.

Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Rockville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Butler	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	6	7	5		

Trade Trippers Here.

After two postponements on account of bad roads the trade boosters of the young men's division of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce arrived in Butler Friday afternoon. The pathfinder, a Stutz touring car, arrived at 2:20 followed a few minutes later by the roadmarker. They drove down the east side of the square and halted at the southeast corner where in about 15 minutes they were joined by about 25 cars carrying the trade boosters, each dressed in a white suit. As soon as all of the cars had arrived the young men started calling on the Butler business men and getting acquainted. The little folks had not been forgotten and souvenirs in the form of whistles and little balloons were distributed through the crowd. The trippers were accompanied by a string band and a good quartette which furnished music and helped to add pep to the occasion. After spending about 30 minutes here the trippers left for Rich Hill where they made a short stop and then proceeded to Nevada where they spent the night.

There were 27 cars in the party besides two first aid to punctured tires and balky carburetors trucks.

Change Redistricting Bill.

Jefferson City, July 19.—The senate judiciary committee made several changes today in the Elmer judicial redistricting bill, which passed the house last week. The bill reduces the number of judicial circuits in the state from thirty-eight to thirty-three, and provides that the present circuit judges may serve out their terms. The bill will be passed by the senate.

CONDENSED OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of all State Banks and Trust Companies of Bates County, Missouri, at the close of business June 30, 1921.

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES	Deposits	Loans and Discounts	Overdrafts	R. E. Fur. and Fin.	Capital Stock	Surplus and Profits	Cash and Sight Exp.	Total Resources
1. Missouri State Bank	\$1,263,154.28	\$1,195,362.39	795.18	19,000.00	110,000.00	20,436.41	253,743.86	1,469,491.34
2. The Walton Trust Co.	919,087.61	1,546,516.19	none	16,800.00	250,000.00	254,045.03	254,429.58	1,547,816.04
3. Farmers Bank, Butler	510,029.71	696,976.92	2,945.26	31,570.00	50,000.00	70,156.50	59,235.51	734,434.16
4. Adrian Banking Co.	454,057.67	596,732.36	none	4,227.50	25,000.00	54,058.72	43,411.53	404,687.67
5. Farmers & Manufacturers Bank	353,351.46	419,999.57	none	10,475.00	25,000.00	64,558.72	43,411.53	475,815.25
6. Peoples Bank, Butler	345,151.32	509,130.53	693.51	14,500.00	25,000.00	64,558.72	43,411.53	475,815.25
7. Commercial State Bank	159,074.44	159,747.00	none	15,000.00	25,000.00	17,152.11	35,975.26	306,055.15
8. Duvall Federal Trust Co.	151,000.00	225,287.92	1,054.55	5,272.00	20,000.00	71,265.97	72,108.00	443,284.55
9. Bank of America	122,222.78	145,100.55	471.94	1,200.00	15,000.00	14,314.76	7,254.55	187,747.51
10. Home Commercial Bank	121,772.40	25,222.70	none	14,000.00	15,000.00	5,407.00	20,965.79	137,268.49
11. Farmers Bank, Franklin	108,000.00	104,975.97	277.55	1,700.00	15,000.00	12,430.74	23,967.25	139,261.77
12. Farmers Bank, Franklin	97,610.00	97,610.00	554.30	1,000.00	15,000.00	6,051.10	17,000.50	112,966.00
13. Bank of Rockville	91,000.00	125,000.00	1,042.50	2,500.00	15,000.00	21,342.30	14,145.50	155,651.40
14. Bank of Rockville	78,123.04	127,100.00	255.51	4,000.00	10,000.00	11,912.53	8,450.58	129,796.25
15. Bank of Rockville	50,000.00	50,000.00	942.75	2,000.00	10,000.00	2,000.00	3,971.17	100,423.95
16. Farmers Bank, Rockville	50,000.00	50,000.00	191.54	4,155.00	10,000.00	5,500.00	5,501.75	84,551.16
17. Farmers Bank, Rockville	50,000.00	50,000.00	none	2,000.00	10,000.00	1,000.00	4,155.00	26,781.24
18. Farmers Bank, Rockville	50,000.00	50,000.00	55.00	2,010.00	10,000.00	1,000.00	11,004.40	26,745.90
19. Farmers Bank, Rockville	50,000.00	50,000.00	512.57	5,000.00	10,000.00	1,000.00	7,409.22	25,277.98
20. Farmers Bank, Rockville	50,000.00	50,000.00	none	5,000.00	10,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	25,575.77
21. Farmers Bank, Rockville	50,000.00	50,000.00	none	5,000.00	10,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	25,575.77
Total	\$4,500,212.07	\$5,441,154.54	9,725.73	\$104,450.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$971,306.51	\$1,267,552.42	\$14,345,183.55

Of the twenty State Banks and Trust Companies of Bates County, The Missouri State Bank and the Walton Trust Co. (associated institutions) have

Over 50 Per cent of the TOTAL CASH RESERVE
Over 40 Per cent of the TOTAL DEPOSITS
Over 44 Per cent of the TOTAL RESOURCES

This is conclusive evidence that "The Old Reliable" enjoys the confidence and patronage of the majority of the people of this lovely territory. The service rendered herein contained growth and new business is reflected and maintained.

THE MISSOURI STATE BANK

THE WALTON TRUST COMPANY